HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____ Introduced by: Smith V

A RESOLUTION recognizing Shontrai DeVaughn Irving.

Whereas, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving is no stranger to awards; however, his most recent award holds a very special place in his heart;

Whereas, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving was named Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association Foster Parent of the Year;

Whereas, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving has cared for four foster siblings, ages 3 through 9, since October 2006;

Whereas, Serving as a Lake County deputy prosecutor,

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Shontrai DeVaughn Irving witnessed the horrors children can suffer in abusive homes;

Whereas, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving prepared himself for his duties as a foster parent by enrolling in foster parenting classes at Villages Foster Care;

Whereas, In addition to his devotion to the foster parent program, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving volunteers for the Boys and Girls Club, works to provide food to the hungry, works with Habitat for Humanity, and acts as chairperson of tennis for the Inland Athletic Association; and

Whereas, Shontrai DeVaughn Irving offers needy children a safe haven in which to grow and learn and gives them a chance at a brighter future: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives extends it heartfelt congratulations to Shontrai DeVaughn Irving as the recipient of the Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association Foster Parent of the Year Award and thanks him for his dedication to and compassion for abused and abandoned children.

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SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Shontrai DeVaughn Irving.

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